



A HOUSE OF MEMORIES for many Provoans is coming down. The Provo Medical Building which has served the community since early in the century is being dismantled. The home was originally built when 84-year-old Fern Brimhall was a little girl. It later became a medical clinic.

## Provo Medical Building Razed for Commercial Use

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The last vestige of an old Provo way of life crumbled before modern demolition equipment and today the Provo Medical Building at 33 E. 200 S., is no more.

The building was torn down to make way for the expanding facilities of an automobile sales company.

It was a home originally built by L.H. Holbrook. Since his was a polygamous family, the home was built like two homes under one roof with a corridor down the middle. The home had another owner before Dr. H. G. Merrill bought it and moved his family into one side using the other half for his eye, ear, nose and throat medical office.

At the time, a great lawn spread out from the house to University Ave., and a rather

complex which included both buildings to the east of it. On the corner of First East a building that still stands and had been built by Abraham O. Smoot was the hospital. Before it became a residence it was known as the Aird Hospital. The building between the hospital and the Merrill home was another Smoot-built structure, converted to a maternity complex.

The maternity complex is long since gone and now so is the Merrill home. All the doctors have either retired or have found space closer to the center of the modern flow of medical life, but in the hearts of many, there will be a lingering thought of a castle, green lawns and the mecca of medicine in early Provo.